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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: VIDEO DATA SYSTEMS GMBH; OEA/CD INVESTIGATIVE
CASE 11(77)-27

REF: A) STUTTGART'S 126, DATED 1/24/78; B) STATE'S
15529, DATED 1/19/78; C) STUTTGART'S 034, DATED 1/9/78

SUMMARY. VIDEO DATA SYSTEMS RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY
384,000 DOLLARS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT FROM DATAMEDIA CORP.
AND SOROC INC. THE EQUIPMENT WAS EXPORTED AGAINST LICENSES
WHOSE APPLICATIONS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE FOUR FEDREP I.C.'S
MENTIONED IN REFTEL C. CORRESPONDENCE OBTAINED FROM DATA-
MEDIA INCLUDED LETTER THAT CONTAINED APPARENT OVERTURE
BY VIDEO DATA TO DEFRAUD FRG CUSTOMS. ALSO INCLUDED WAS
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DATAMEDIA LETTER ADDRESSED TO VIDEO DATA EMPLOYEE. SAME
PERSON WAS LATER CONVICTED IN MIAMI FEDERAL COURT FOR
CONSPIRACY TO SMUGGLE CRUISE MISSILE DEVICES TO SOVIETS.
END SUMMARY.

1. BECAUSE LARGE VOLUME DOCUMENTS AT DATAMEDIA COVERING
EXPORTS TO VIDEO DATA, ONLY THOSE DOCUMENTS COVERING SHIP-

MENTS IN EXCESS 4,000 DOLLARS WERE COPIED. IF INTERROGA-
TION REVEALS GOODS DIVERTED TO NORTH KOREA COVERED BY VIDEO

DATA PURCHASE ORDERS OTHER THAN THOSE INCLUDED THIS
MESSAGE, INFORM OEA/CD OF P.O. NOS. BY CABLE.

2. DATAMEDIA SHIPMENTS AGAINST EXPORT LICENSE NO.A218985
(FEDREP IMPORT CERTIFICATE NO.US553384) TOTALED APPROXI-
MATELY 87,722 DOLLARS.

DATAMEDIA INVOICE NUMBER	VIDEO DATA ORDER NUMBER	DATE SHIPPED
08646	26	8/18/76
08940	27	9/10/76
09285	28	10/12/76
09997	32,33	12/14/76
10020	30	12/16/76
10039	32	12/17/76

3. DATAMEDIA SHIPMENTS AGAINST EXPORT LICENSE A230921
(FEDREP I.C. NO. US554336) TOTALED APPROXIMATELY
73,666 DOLLARS.

DATAMEDIA INVOICE NUMBER	VIDEO DATA ORDER NUMBER	DATE SHIPPED
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10074	33	12/22/76
10139	36	NOT AVAILABLE
10331	35	1/14/77
10349	37	1/19/77
10574	37	2/3/77
14640	59,60,61	12/30/77

4. DATAMEDIA SHIPMENTS AGAINST EXPORT LICENSE NO. A242621
(FEDREP I.C. NO. US555425) TOTALED APPROX. 187,685
DOLLARS.

DATAMEDIA INVOICE NUMBER	VIDEO DATA ORDER NUMBER	DATE SHIPPED
10795	40	2/24/77
10820	40	2/25/77
11146	41	3/17/77
12061	43,44	5/18/77
12405	44	6/7/77
12485	45,48	6/15/77
12655	49	6/29/77
13037	46	7/20/77
13233	50	8/8/77

13532	51	9/12/77
13634	56	9/21/77
13863	56,52	10/7/77

DATAMEDIA INVOICE VIDEO DATA ORDER DATE SHIPPED

14405	53	11/29/77
14553	54,57	12/13/77

5. OEA/CD HAS NOT RECEIVED SOROC SHIPPING DOCUMENTS YET.
EXPORT MANAGER DID SAY THAT AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF GOODS,
I.E., 50 UNITS--TOTAL VALUE: 34,750 DOLLARS, EXPORTED.

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BEGIN PART TWO

6. CORRESPONDENCE OBTAINED FROM DATAMEDIA INCLUDED
9/23/74 VIDEO DATA LETTER TO DATAMEDIA VICE PRESIDENT,
THOMAS R. COOMBE. LETTER CONTAINS APPARENT OVERTURE TO
DEFRAUD FRG CUSTOMS. (QUOTE) AS YOU ALREADY KNOW WE
URGENTLY NEED THE SPARE PARTS ORDERED...WE ARE FURTHER-
MORE OF THE OPINION THAT WE COULD GET A LOWER CUSTOMS
RATE HERE IN GERMANY IF YOU DECLARE IT AS COMPONENTS AND
NOT AS SPARE PARTS FOR UNITS. BUT WE CAN DISCUSS THIS
PROBLEM DURING YOUR NEXT VISIT. (UNQUOTE) HORST H. DREES
SIGNED LETTER.

7. ALSO INCLUDED WAS T.R.COOMBE LETTER DATED 11/11/75 TO
MR. LUTZ WIESCHLENBERG (SIC), VIDEO DATA SYSTEMS GMBH.
LETTER TOUCHED ON UPCOMING VISIT TO DATAMEDIA PLANT.

8. OEA/CD FILES CONTAIN INFORMATION LINKING VIDEO DATA
INTERMEDIARY MENTIONED REFTEL C WITH LUTZ WIESCHENBERG.
(SEE STUTTGART'S A-21, DATED 2/28/75.)

9. IN SEPTEMBER, 1973, INFORMANT PROVIDED NAME (FNU)
SINGH. ALLEGEDLY CONNECTED WITH DENIED PARTY PETER
LORENZ OF STUTTGART IN COMPUTER DIVERSION(S) TO AND/OR
THROUGH INDIA. DURING SAME ONVERSATION, INFORMANT
IDENTIFIED LUTZ WIESCHENBERG OF INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER
CONSULTING, HARBOR HOUSE TOWERS, FREEPORT, BAHAMAS, AS
ILLEGAL DIVERTER OF STRATEGIC-RATED GOODS.

10. AN ADDRESS BOOK OWNED BY THE DENIED PARTY
CHRISTOPH BRAND, OBTAINED WITH A SEARCH WARRANT IN
JANUARY 1973, CONTAINED "WIESCHENBERG, LUTZ, 31 CELLE,

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SINDWALL 24; 05141-34225". NOTE: BRAND INDICTED IN
FEDERAL COURT PHILADELPHIA (JUNE, 1973) FOR ILLEGAL
EXPORTATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE DENIED PARTY, CARAMANT
GMBH OF WIESBADEN, FRG.

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11. ON 11/11/77, LUTZ WIESCHENBERG WAS CONVICTED IN MIAMI
FEDERAL COURT FOR CONSPIRACY TO SMUGGLE AIRCRAFT GUIDANCE
SYSTEMS (CRUISE MISSILE DEVICES) TO SOVIETS. (CUBA AND
EAST GERMANY WAS INTENDED ROUTING.) MANFRED HARDT OF
CARAMANT WAS INDICTED IN SAME CASE IN SEPTEMBER 1977, FOR
HIS PART IN FINANCING THE ILLEGAL EXPORT VENTURE. VANCE

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